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Type of Mail

- FIRST CLASS (13 oz or less)
  - **Averaging about 7-10 days for delivery**
- PRIORITY (Over 13 oz. up to 70 lbs.)
  - **Recommended for packages.**
  - **Average about 8-10 days delivery.**
  - **FLAT RATE ($7.70 regardless of weight)**
- PARCEL POST (Over 2 lbs. up to 70 lbs.)
  - **Slowest/Cheapest way to send packages.**
  - **NOT Recommended. Average about 45 to 90 days delivery**.

PROPER PACKING IS A MUST

TIPS FOR PROPER PACKAGING

- Always use **DURABLE** boxes.
- Always use the **SMALLEST** box possible.
- Place **LIQUID** items such as salsa, lotion and beverages in separate zip lock bags.
- Use **BUBBLE WRAP/STYROFOAM POPCORN** when sending breakable items.
- Package items **TIGHTLY** to avoid shifting.
- Recommend **NYLON FILAMENT FIBER TAPE OR MAILING TAPE.** Masking and scotch tape are **NOT AUTHORIZED**.

TIPS FOR PROPER PACKAGING

- Never send **BULKY** items in an envelope (i.e,. KEYS, RING, CASSETTE TAPE).

- Items sent via **NON-POSTAL (USPS)** carriers (i.e., FEDEX, UPS, DHL) are not handled by Military Postal Clerks.

- Use **INSURANCE** on packages that contain valuable items going to and from the U.S. and deployment site.

- Include the **RETURN** and **ADDRESSEES ADDRESS** in the parcel

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- All mail weighing **OVER 16 OUNCES** must be presented to a post office for mailing.
- All parcels being sent **FROM, TO or BETWEEN** an APO/FPO must bear a customs form.
- To assist customs and prevent damage to your package, include **LOCK and KEY COMBINATION** when mailing sea-bags, foot lockers etc.
- Custom forms must be filled out in **DETAIL**.

MAILING RESTRICTIONS

- **OBSCENE MATERIAL** (pictures, magazines, nude or semi-nude).

- **Smoking Material**- Tobacco leaves,, including chewing and pipe tobacco, snuff,, cigars, and cigarettes are prohibited. Exception: 200 grams of tobacco per parcel are permitted duty free. This is equivalent to 5 can of snuff or one carton of cigarettes.

- **Meat Products**, such as dried beef, salami and sausage may be mailed provided they remain in their original, hermetically sealed package, and bear the USDA certification.

MAILING RESTRICTIONS

- **PORK** and **PORK BY-PRODUCTS**.
- Other meats, bones, skin, hair, feathers, horns, or hoofs, of hoofed animals, and wool samples are prohibited.
- **Fruit, animals, and living plants are prohibited**.
- **EXPRESS MAIL** not authorized.
  - –If accidentally accepted at post office, request refund for overpayment.
- **For additional restriction, contact your local USPS office.**

OFFICIAL DEPLOYED ADDRESS

COMMANDING OFFICER

Unit Name

Unit Number

FPO AP 96610+4 digits

Never change address

PERSONAL DEPLOYED ADDRESS

Rank, Full Name

Unit Name

Unit Number

FPO AP 96610+4 digits

Never change address

FREE MAIL

- **FROM** overseas combat location **TO** the United States **ONLY**.
- **Postcards, Letters and Recorded Communications** (whether sound or video) with the character of personal correspondence.
- Must have a **FROM** and a **TO** address.
- "**FREE**" written in the top right corner

Camp Pendleton Military Post Office

725-5769/763-1196

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